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General Information

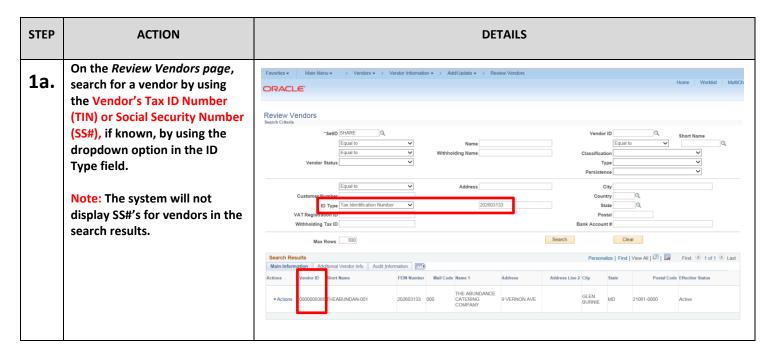
Task	Process Information
Looking Up Vendor Information in GEARS	Search for a vendor(s) using the search criteria in GEARS to validate if a Vendor is in the system and review information relating to that vendor. This tip sheet will review the steps to looking up vendor information using the search criteria. Tip: Once you locate the Vendor ID, make a list of your most commonly used vendors so you can have that information on hand for future use, but remember, at times, vendor information does change. If the vendor has not been established in GEARS, you may need to complete a Vendor Maintenance Form and send it to the Department of Budget and Finance (DBF). The form is available on the GEARS website: http://mdcourts.gov/gears/forms.html

GEARS Navigation

Main Menu> Vendors > Vendor Information > Add/Update > Review Vendors	Favorites ▼	Main Menu ▼	>	Vendors ▼	>	Vendor Information ▼ >	Add/Update ▼	>	Review Vendors

1.0 Process

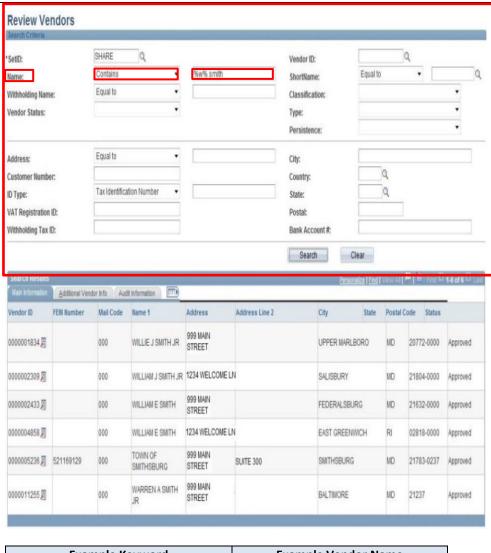
This document is intended to provide a quick reference to looking up vendor information in GEARS.



1b. While searching by TIN/SS# is the preferred method, you can also search by other criteria.

For example, to search by Vendor Name: Change the Name dropdown box to "Contains", then type the beginning of or a keyword associated with the vendor's name. By choosing "contains," your search will look for any record that contains the information you type.

Tip: You can also use the %, which is a GEARS wildcard feature. As an example, if you are looking for William Smith, type "%w% smith" in the "Name" field to search for and find any vendor with the name "smith that has a "W" in either the first name or the middle name/initial.



Example Keyword	Example Vendor Name					
%W% Smith	William J Smith Jr					
Bond	Statewide Bail Bonds, Inc.					
Free	Free State Monitoring LLC					
Do:	Don't:					
Select key words from the vendor	Search for the entire vendor name					
name						
	Include "the", "and", "or", "other"					
Pick unusual parts of vendor name						
	Use words you know there will be a					
Contact DBF if you do not see the vendor or address needed	lot of (e.g., "inc")					

Click the Search button.

After clicking "Search," you will get a list of vendors that contain the criteria used.

Important: Please verify the vendor address to be sure it is accurate. If not, please complete a Vendor
Maintenance Form and send it to the Department of Budget and Finance (DBF). The form is available on the GEARS website:

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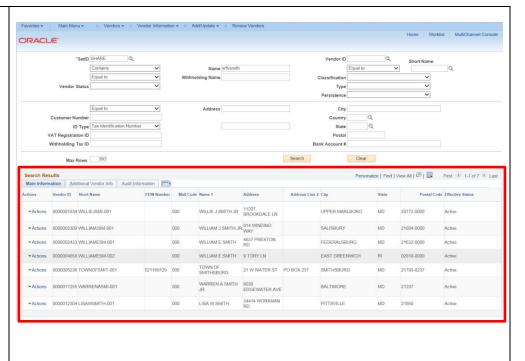
Note: If your search results return multiple rows that span multiple pages, click the right and left arrows to scroll through page(s).

If your search returned no results, the system will display the message:

There are no rows available that meet your search criteria.

At that time, you may try using different search criteria or if the Vendor does not exist in the system, please complete a Vendor Maintenance Form and send it to the Department of Budget and Finance (DBF). The form is available on the GEARS website:

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End of Document

This document is intended to provide a quick reference to completing standard transactions within GEARS. Please refer to the appropriate User Procedures and/or online references for any corresponding policies regarding this process.